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KNUCKLES VS THRASH
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When Dr. Eggman sent an invasion force to the Echidna homeland, a fierce battle between the survivors, Team Fighters, and Eggman's forces erupted and ended with all parties knocked unconscious! Knuckles the Echidna, revered guardian of the Master Emerald and protector of his people, arrived to find the entire Echidna population vanished, and Team Fighters knocked out amidst the remnants of the war zone.

Thrash the Devil, a fierce Tasmanian Devil, had used a Super Warp Ring to transport the Echidnas to an unknown location as revenge for the disastrous genetic engineering the Echidnas had performed on the Tasmanian Devils in the past. Knuckles and Thrash have now squared off in an epic duel, while a new force of Dr. Eggman's, the Krudzu Hybrid Hydra, has arrived on the scene to finish our heroes off!

As Knuckles battles Thrash and Team Fighters engage the Krudzu, a mysterious third party has ALSO entered the mix...

Who's Who

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SUPER SPEEDY HERO

SHARD
REFORMED MECHA SONIC

AMY & TAILS
SONIC'S TEAM FIGHTERS

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
THE LAST GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND

THRASH THE DEVIL
QUEST-DRIVEN POWERHOUSE

FORMER ECHIDNA HOME-LAND...
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO TRACK YOU GUYS DOWN?
THAT...LOOKS LIKE THE POWER GEM CORE...NO WAY! IT'S THE ORIGINAL MECHA SONIC!
EGGMAN MUST'VE RE-BUILT HIM! TAKE HIM DOWN!
WHOA! NO! WAIT!
ENDANGERED SPECIES Finale: ONE OF A KIND
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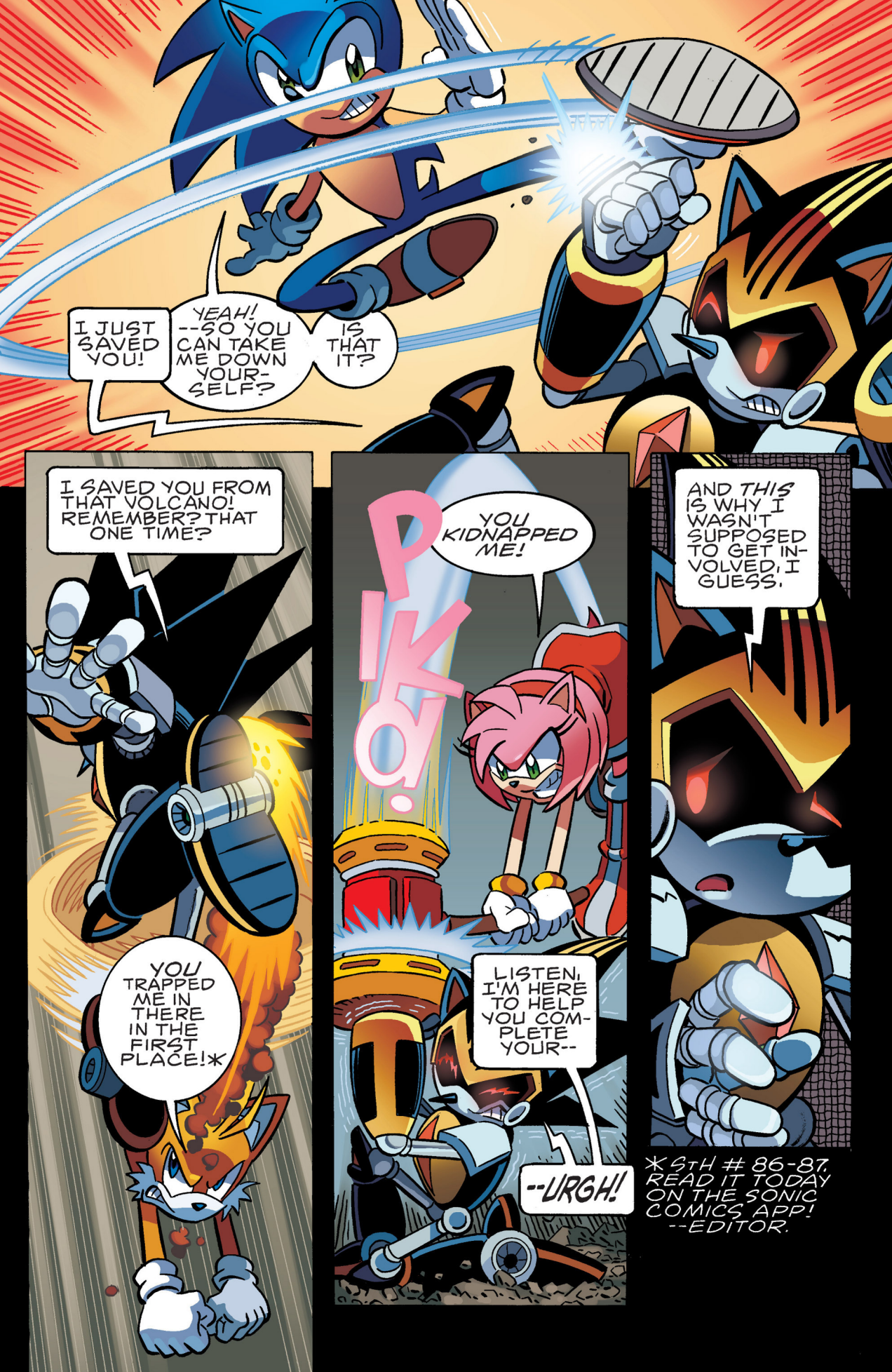
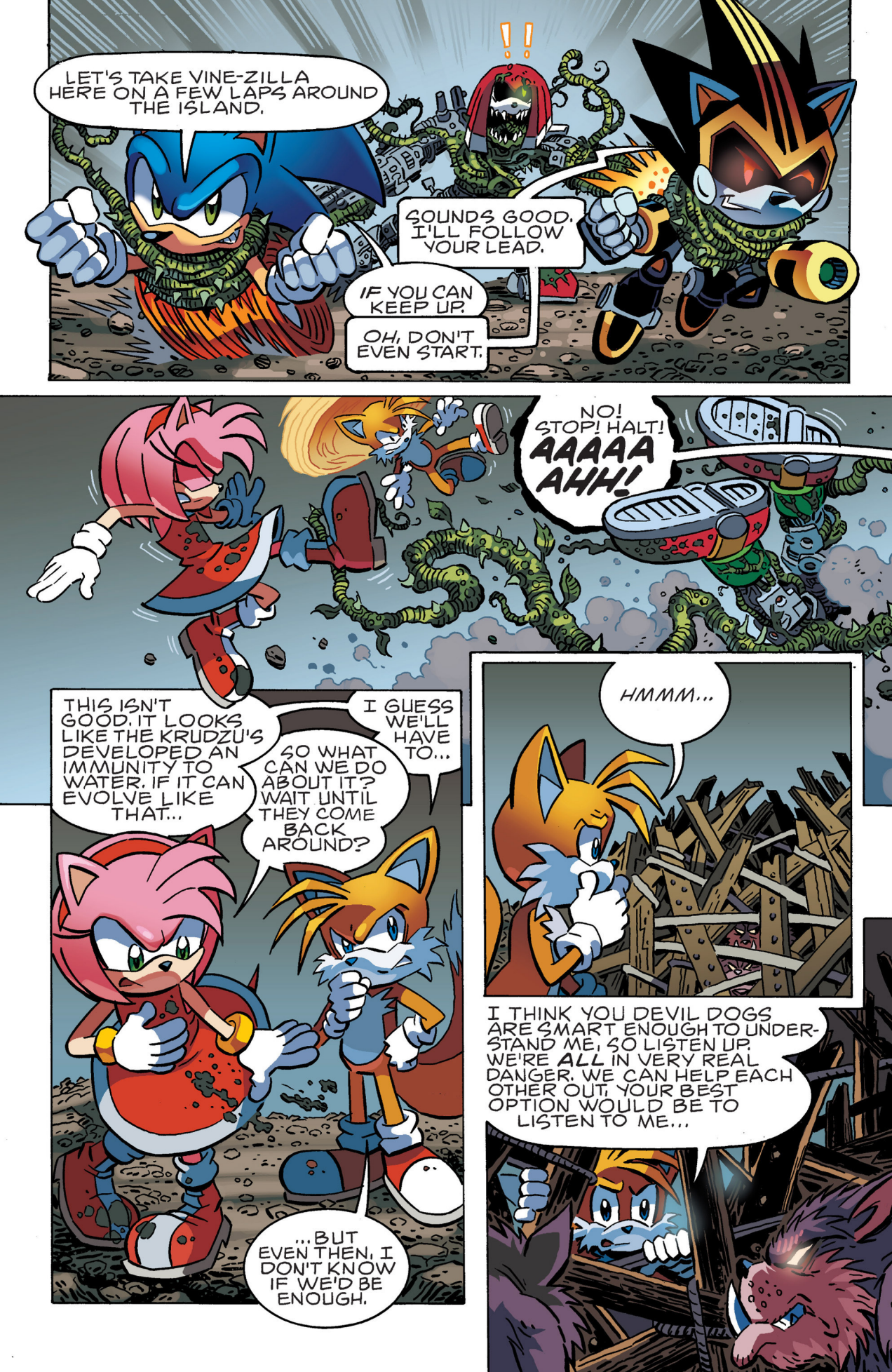

I JUST SAVED YOU!
YEAH! --SO YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN YOUR-SELF?
IS THAT IT?
I SAVED YOU FROM THAT VOLCANO! REMEMBER? THAT ONE TIME?
YOU TRAPPED ME IN THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!*
PIKA!
YOU KIDNAPPED ME!
LISTEN, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU COM-PLETE YOUR--
--URGH!
AND THIS IS WHY I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GET IN-VOLVED, I GUESS.

*STH #86-87, READ IT TODAY ON THE SONIC COMICS APP! --EDITOR.

RAUGH!
AHHH! THE ROGUE MECHA SONIC! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DESTROYED! YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT ADDITION TO THE KRUDZU HYBRID HYDRA!
SONIC, PLEASE! YOU TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF LIFE. I'M WILLING TO RISK MINE TO SAVE YOURS, BUT I CAN'T FIGHT THIS CHUMP AND YOU AT THE SAME TIME.


LET'S TAKE VINE-ZILLA HERE ON A FEW LAPS AROUND THE ISLAND.
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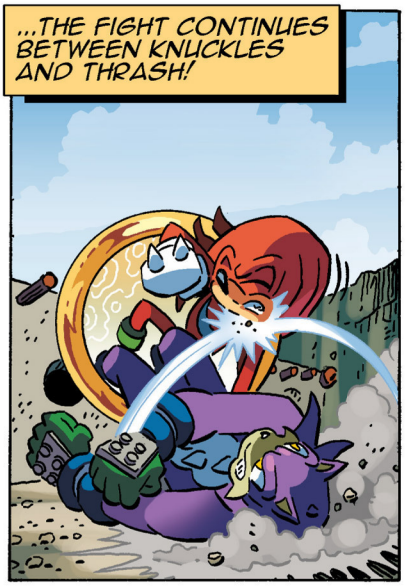
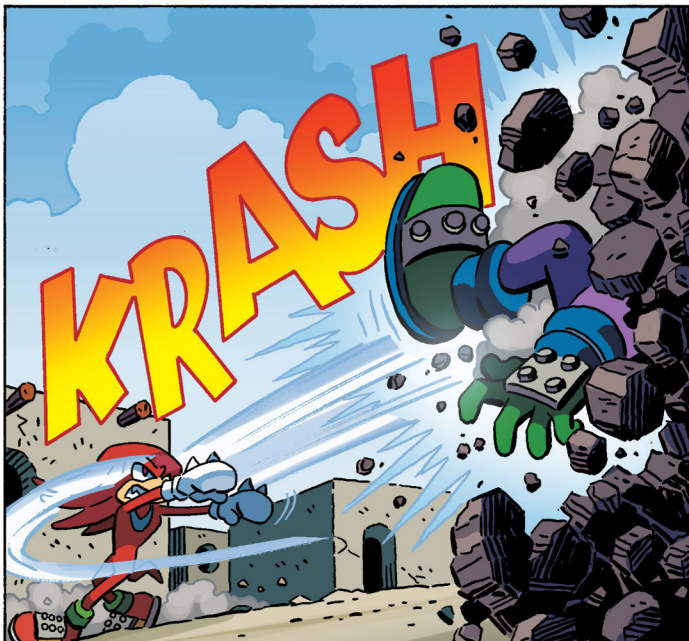
SOUNDS GOOD. I'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.
IF YOU CAN KEEP UP.
OH, DON'T EVEN START.
NO! STOP! HALT! AAAAA AHH!
THIS ISN'T GOOD. IT LOOKS LIKE THE KRUDZU'S DEVELOPED AN IMMUNITY TO WATER. IF IT CAN EVOLVE LIKE THAT...
I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO...
SO WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT? WAIT UNTIL THEY COME BACK AROUND?
...BUT EVEN THEN, I DON'T KNOW IF WE'D BE ENOUGH.
HMMM...
I THINK YOU DEVIL DOGS ARE SMART ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND ME, SO LISTEN UP. WE'RE ALL IN VERY REAL DANGER. WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER OUT. YOUR BEST OPTION WOULD BE TO LISTEN TO ME...

"...BECAUSE YOUR OLD BOSS ISN'T COMING BACK ANY TIME SOON."
DOWNUNDA--TASMANIAN RUINS...

FWASH

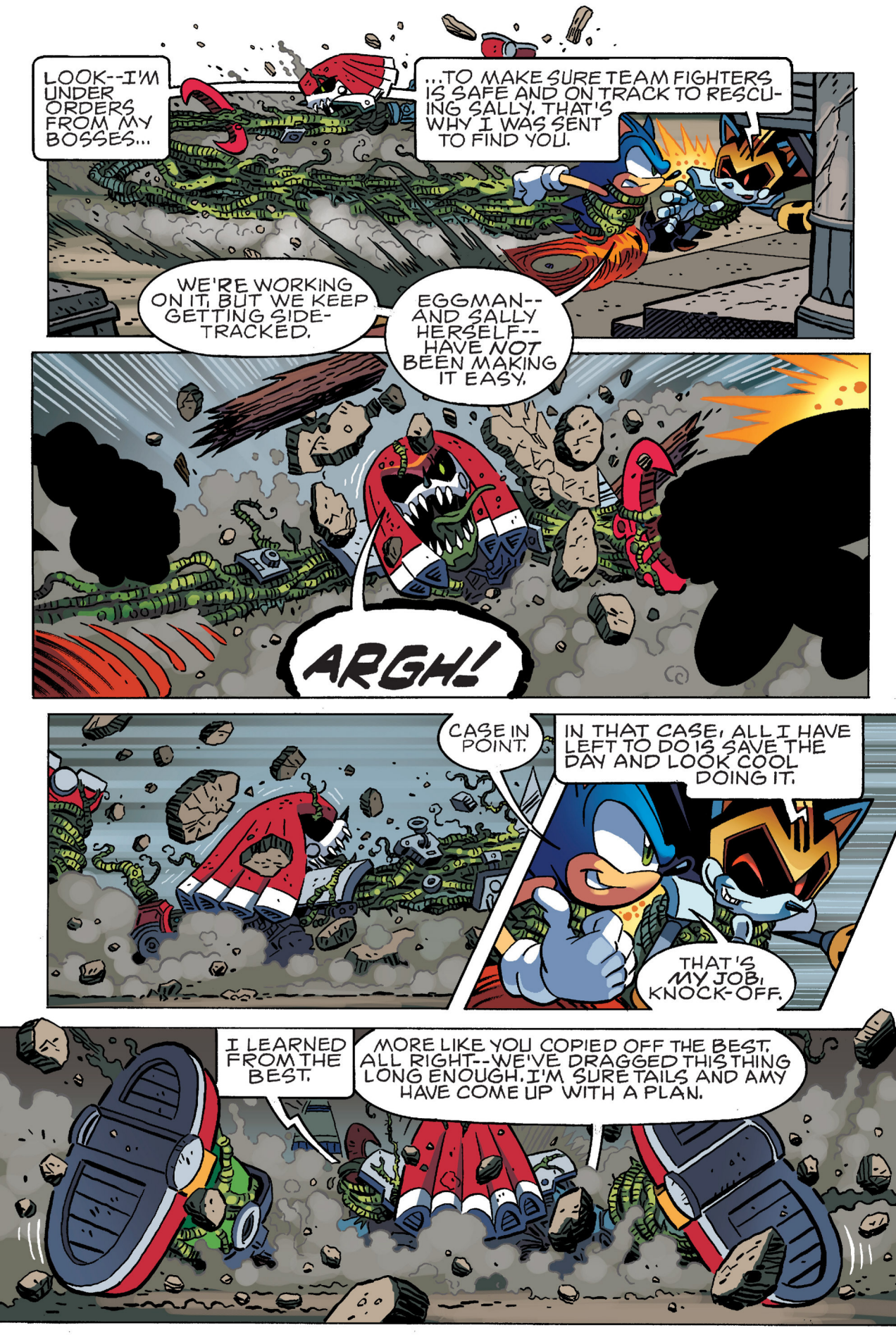

...THE FIGHT CONTINUES BETWEEN KNUCKLES AND THRASH!

WHOOSH


KRASH

?
AAAAAAAAGGH!
BROK!

MEANWHILE...
SO YOU GOT MELTED DOWN BY LAVA. AND LIVED.
AND HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU CHEATED DEATH? SOMETHING ABOUT YOU AND A BLACK HOLE GENERATOR?*
*STH # 125.
DON'T CHANGE THE TOPIC! WHY ARE YOU HERE? HOW ARE YOU HERE?
IT'S A SECRET TO EVERYONE.
DUDE! DROP THE CRYPTIC ACT!
SORRY! I WISH I COULD. BUT I'VE GOT TOO MANY OTHERS RELYING ON ME KEEPING THOSE SECRETS.
AND I'M SUPPOSED TO JUST TRUST YOU?
YOU CAN TRUST UNCLE CHUCK, RIGHT?
?!?
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. HE'S GONNA BE MAD I NAME-DROPPED HIM. (I DON'T THINK HE LIKES ME ANYWAY.)


LOOK--I'M UNDER ORDERS FROM MY BOSSES...
...TO MAKE SURE TEAM FIGHTERS IS SAFE AND ON TRACK TO RESCUING SALLY. THAT'S WHY I WAS SENT TO FIND YOU.
WE'RE WORKING ON IT, BUT WE KEEP GETTING SIDETRACKED.
EGGMAN--AND SALLY HERSELF--HAVE NOT BEEN MAKING IT EASY.
ARGH!
CASE IN POINT.
IN THAT CASE, ALL I HAVE LEFT TO DO IS SAVE THE DAY AND LOOK COOL DOING IT.
THAT'S MY JOB, KNOCK-OFF.
I LEARNED FROM THE BEST.
MORE LIKE YOU COPIED OFF THE BEST. ALL RIGHT--WE'VE DRAGGED THIS THING LONG ENOUGH. I'M SURE TAILS AND AMY HAVE COME UP WITH A PLAN.

BINGO! AMY'S IN POSITION. AAAAND...
STOP!
SNAP
PIKO!
CRASH!
CRASH!
CRACH!
IT...IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A DRAG THROUGH THE DIRT TO STOP ME! THE FOUR OF YOU AREN'T ENOUGH!
I THOUGHT AS MUCH.
ATTACK!
SNARL

SWARK
CHOMP
SNAP
SWEET MERCIFUL EGGMA--AAH!
SNAP!
WELL, THIS IS A HIDEOUS SIGHT.
I THOUGHT I'D MAKE THE BEST OF A BAD SITUATION. "THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND."

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FWASH!
PLAF!
FWASH!
PLOOF!
BROK!

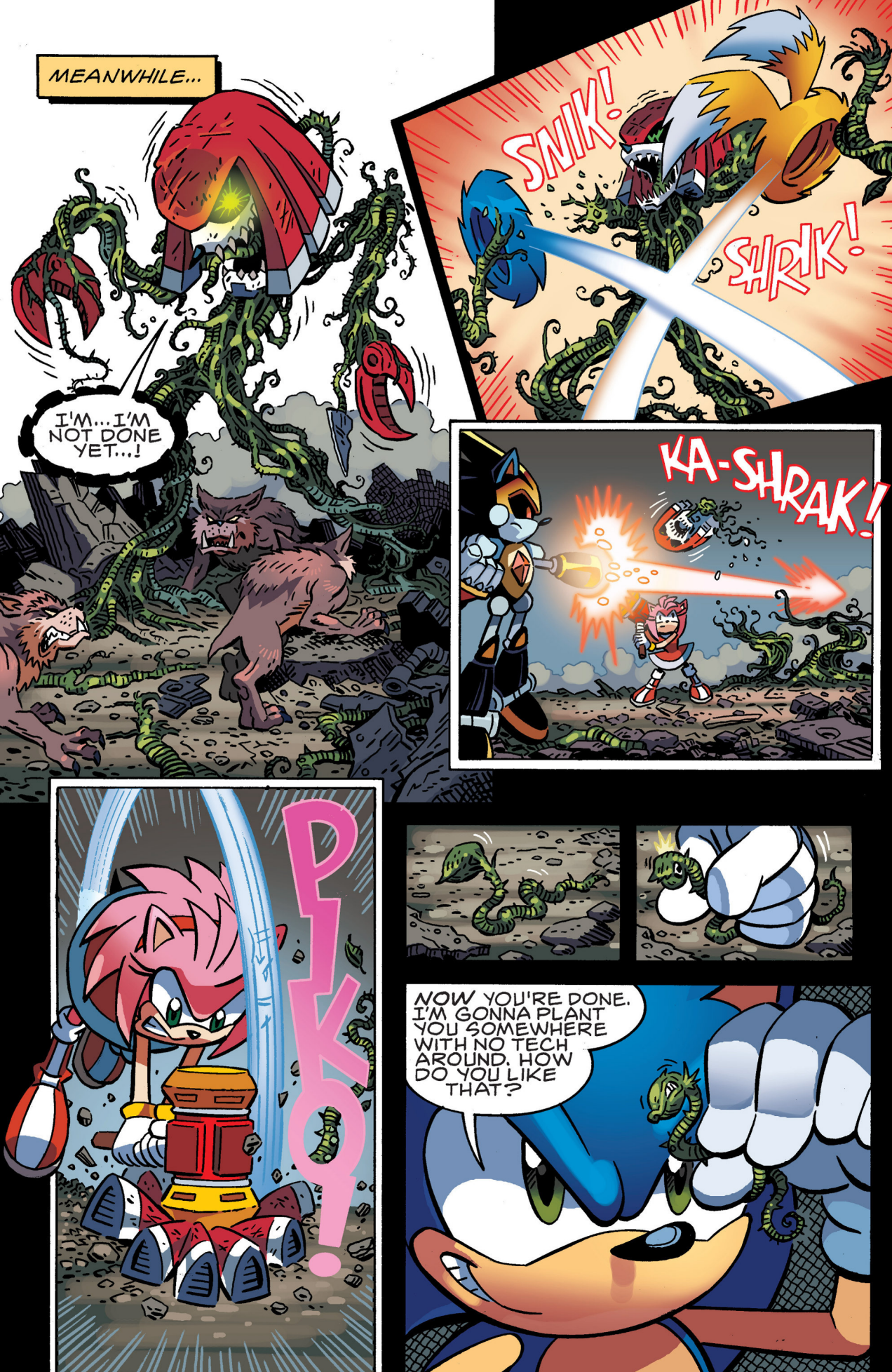
CRUNCH!
FOOMP
RAAAAAAAAAGH!

ANGEL ISLAND --SHRINE ISLE...
FWASH!

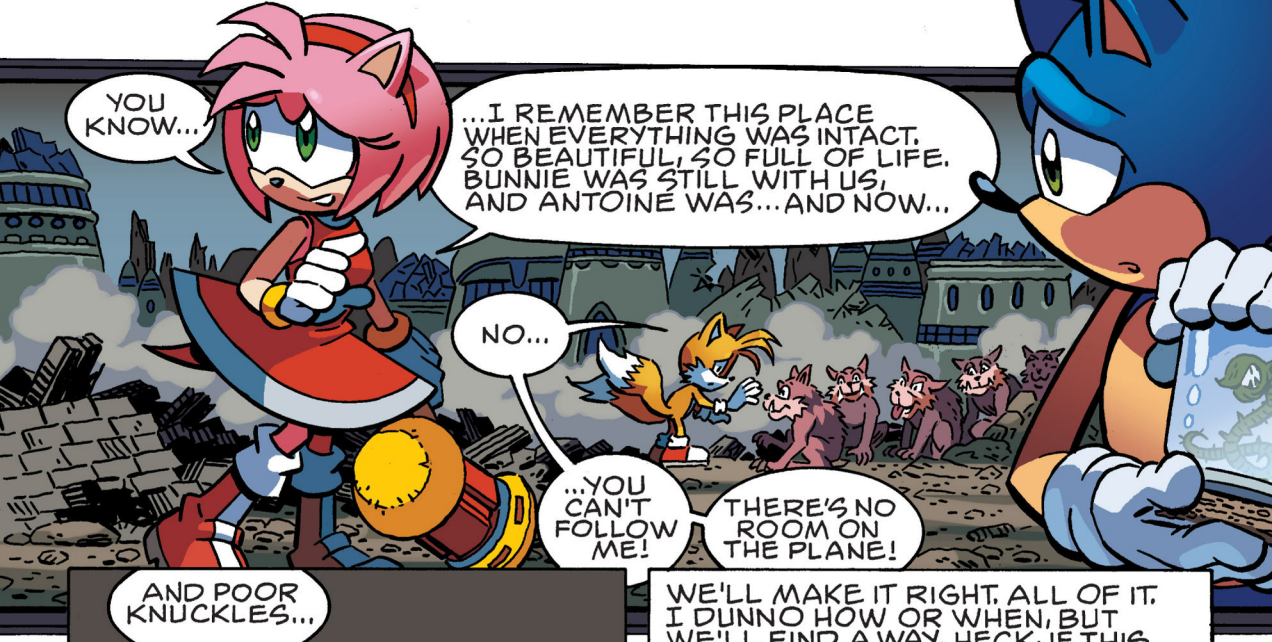
FWASH!
FWASH!
CATCH!
FWASH!

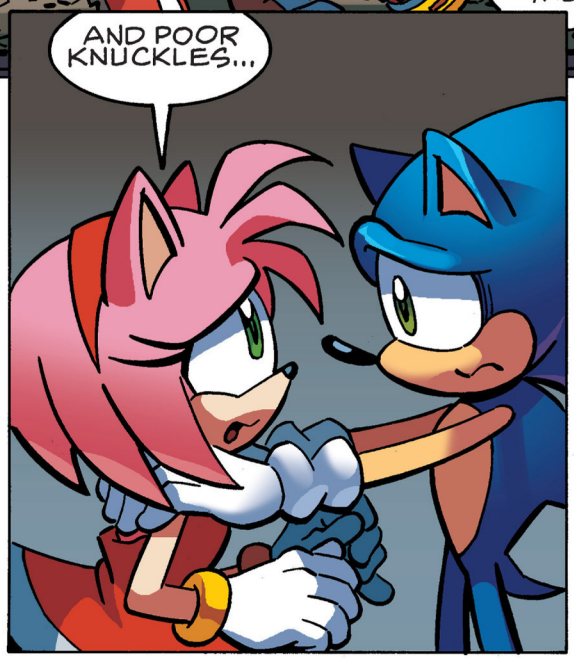
FWASH!
FWASH!
...SO I SAYS TO THE GUY, "NO, YOURE LUGGAGE!" AND HE WAS ALL LIKE--

H-HEY, KNUKLES!
HEY! KNUX! LOOK WHO WE FOUND!*
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RAD RED.
*CHAOTIX QUEST--SU #46-49.
AN EMPTY WARP RING? WHERE WERE YOU TRYING TO GO... WHY IS THERE SNOW?
WEEE! SNOW!
WHERE ARE THE GIRLS? I MISSED THEM, TOO.
HEY, YEAH, WHERE...?
UM...WHAT'S THIS DOING HERE?
KNUX? WHAT'S WRONG?... WHAT HAPPENED?
RRRRAAAGH
CRACK!


MEANWHILE...
I'M...I'M NOT DONE YET...!
SNIK!
SHRIK!
KA-SHRAK!
PIKO!
NOW YOU'RE DONE. I'M GONNA PLANT YOU SOMEWHERE WITH NO TECH AROUND. HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

HOLD UP.
AND HERE COMES THE VILE, BUT INEVITABLE, BETRAYAL.
NO-NO-NO! LISTEN!
THE KRUDZU CAN INCORPORATE AND MANIPULATE MACHINES, RIGHT? WHAT IF WE COULD TAKE THAT AND MODIFY IT TO SAVE SALLY?
BUH?
THAT... THAT MIGHT WORK. WE'D MANUFACTURE THE KRUDZU'S NEXT EVOLUTIONARY STEP TO BE A DEROBOTICIZING AGENT.
WAIT... YOU MEAN USE THE KRUDZU TO MAKE, LIKE, AN ANTIBODY? CAN WE EVEN DO THAT?
I DON'T KNOW...
...BUT THIS COULD BE THE BREAKTHROUGH WE NEED! IF WE COULD GET UNCLE CHUCK INVOLVED...
WAIT... WHAT WAS YOUR PLAN AFTER YOU GOT SALLY? YOU HAD A PLAN, RIGHT?
WELL... NO. WE'VE BEEN SO BUSY PUTTING OUT FIRES AND TRYING TO KEEP UP...
UH-HUH. SINCE ONE OF MY BOSSES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT ALL THIS, I'M JUST GONNA TELL HIM THIS IS "PLAN B."
LET ME TAKE THE SPRIG BACK TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS AND START THE RESEARCH WHILE YOU FINISH THE RESCUE MISSION.
LOOKS LIKE RECYCLING OLD TECH HAS HELPED US OUT TWICE TODAY.
HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE.


YOU KNOW...
...I REMEMBER THIS PLACE WHEN EVERYTHING WAS INTACT. SO BEAUTIFUL, SO FULL OF LIFE. BUNNIE WAS STILL WITH US, AND ANTOINE WAS... AND NOW...
NO...
...YOU CAN'T FOLLOW ME!
THERE'S NO ROOM ON THE PLANE!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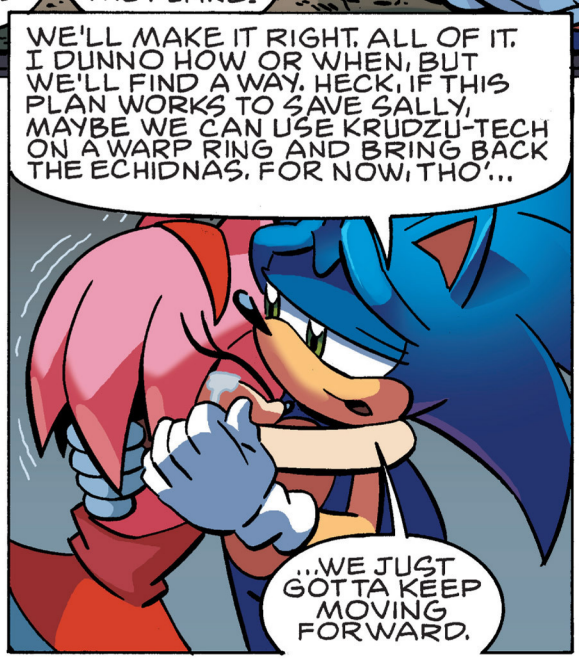
WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT. ALL OF IT. I DUNNO HOW OR WHEN, BUT WE'LL FIND A WAY. HECK, IF THIS PLAN WORKS TO SAVE SALLY, MAYBE WE CAN USE KRUDZU-TECH ON A WARP RING AND BRING BACK THE ECHIDNAS. FOR NOW, THO'...
...WE JUST GOTTA KEEP MOVING FORWARD.

LET'S MOVE OUT, TEAM FIGHTERS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO RESCUE *ANYBODY* BY MOPING IN THE MUD.
I HOPE T-PUP HAS GOTTEN THE TORNADO UP AND RUNNING.

I CAN HELP WITH THAT. NICOLE WANTS ME TO INSTALL A WAY TO MONITOR YOU GUYS ANYWAY.
I...*UH*... I DUNNO.

LOOK, I'M *SORRY* FOR THE VOLCANO THING, OKAY?

A SHORT TIME LATER...
AGENT JACK TO BASE... MISSION...ER...COMPLETE. I'VE GOT THE TRACKER SET ON THE TORNADO. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO BE HEADING FOR THE NORTHERN TUNDRA.
SECRET HQ...
DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU, AGENT ACE?
ACTUALLY ...YES! IT MEANS I'M ALMOST OUT OF TIME!
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Next up, our team treks to the arctic to FINALLY show down with Eggman and his army to try and rescue Princess Sally! Sally has been a weaponized minion of Eggman's since she sacrificed herself in Sonic the Hedgehog #230 (all those years ago it seems – read all about it in the Sonic Genesis GN available now @ archiecomics.com! plugplugplug) and it's about time our team gets her back! Or they'll try to, anyway!

Don't miss Sonic Universe #50, a double-sized issue featuring AWESOME foil effects on the cover! But the totally cool foil cover is only available @ comic shops, so dial 1-888-comic-book to find a comic book store near you!

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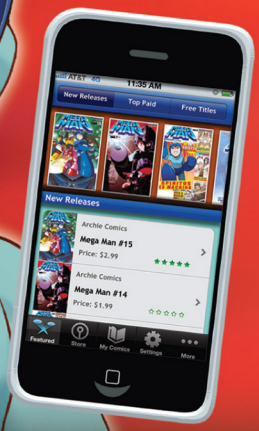

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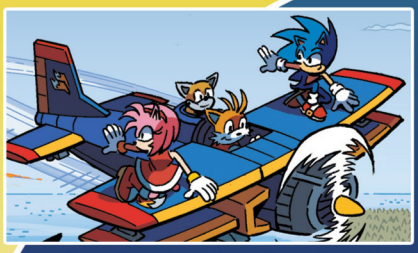

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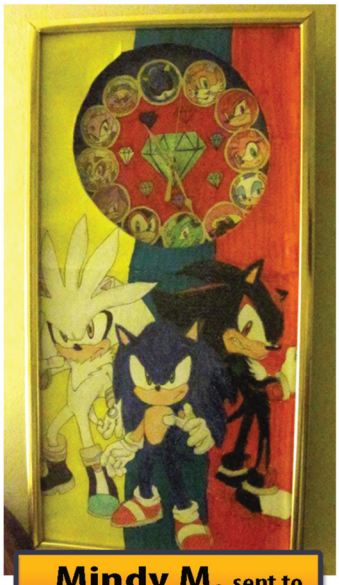

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
Bonjour!

Hola!

My name is Blaze (I hope you're listening because I'll bet you get a billion letters a day!) P.S. if my mom's name is on here it's because I am using her computer.

Hiya, Blaze! I enjoy your pyrokinetic powers!

I am a huge fan of Sonic Comics! I am such a huge fan of Sonic Comics that I started my own Sonic Comics! (And Dinosaur Office, and Adventures of Tock, and the Humbug comics, and Pronoun comics!)

Very cool! The best way to learn how to do comics is to make them yourself and keep practicing!

How old is Antoine?

He's in his late teens!

How old is Bunnie?

She is as well!

How old is Eggman?

Too old to have such cholesterol problems!

How old is... never mind.
...
Can you go back to classic Robotnik? Because I think he is scarier looking than Egghead.

I love classic Robotnik too, but that dude is dead. Sonic killed him... sorta. Read all about it in Sonic Archives vol13! plugplugplug

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No?

Please change Sally back from a robot to a squirrel. (If you say no I will respond with more pleases.)

Please don't.

Merci for answering my questions.
From: Tails' #1 fan, Blaze T.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

Thanks for writing in, Blaze! Come back next issue for more Mecha Sally action, and while I can't spoil anything for you -- it's going to be a tale you WON'T want to miss!!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
E-MAIL ME ALREADY! HURRY UP YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY SO DO IT ALREADY!

Lucas D.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

O_o We don't respond to threats! But we reserve the right to print them.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Hey! Is Spaz ever going to draw a StH cover again?

Count L.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

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